

HAMER-KENTIRE.

Hamer-Kentire Graded School.

Hamer-Kentire school, as it is today, represents the result of the combined efforts of the citizens of two school districts. Realizing the benefits to be derived from consolidation, the patrons of two districts, Hamer No. 7 and Kentire No. 12, voted to consolidate and to erect a modern brick building. Four years ago the pupils of each of these districts were housed in old wooden structures wholly inadequate to meet the ever increasing demands of the schools. However, when this pressing need was realized, the two schools united and the consolidated district is known as Hamer-Kentire No. 12.

The progress of Hamer school may be judged in a physical way by a comparison of the three buildings as they now stand. The first school building is a log hut with mud used to keep the wind out. This cabin still stands, forming a part of a negro tenant's home. Within a few yards of this first school house may be seen a large two-story building which has been remodeled into a dwelling house. This served in a satisfactory manner the purpose for which it was built, until the increase in population demanded larger quarters for the school children. This demand was just as great in Kentire district, as I have said, consolidation resulted.

The present brick building is modern in every detail. There are four large class-rooms, a Domestic Science room, a library, and an auditorium which will easily seat four hundred people. This year saw the four class-rooms full and since the compulsory attendance law has been in operation, we have seen that this building does not satisfy the needs of the community. The lower grades are crowded, as in every school, and it has been shown as a fact that the higher grades have suffered to a

ext session. This work was hindered this year by a lack of the necessary equipment.

During the present session new desks valued at \$500 have been installed and the old desks which were used in the old building have been sold. Many other needed improvements are contemplated for next year, chief among which is the erection of a modern dwelling to be used as a teachers' home. The funds for this are in the treasury now and the work will be started as soon as a contractor is found.

In this connection it is fitting to mention the work of Hamer-Kentire School Improvement Association. I do not hesitate to say that this is one of the best associations in the county. The spirit of hearty co-operation is manifested in every undertaking. This association does not pride itself solely in the amount of money raised for this is not the sole purpose of the organization. However, this association has collected from suppers and entertainments approximately \$400, most of which has been expended for needed improvements. Trees have been set out on the grounds, flower plots have been made around the building, a hedge and lawn have been started, an underground drainage system has been installed, and other improvements adding to the value of the building and comfort of the pupils have been made.

The average attendance for the year is not what it could have been, but under the conditions, the report is not discouraging. We are running a nine months' term but were forced to close five weeks on account of the epidemic of influenza. J. W. Williamson has been present every day the school was in session, while the records of others are too numerous to mention are commendable.

We are not speaking in a boastful manner when we say that we have

Hot Lunch at Hamer-Kentire.

Domestic Science has been taught one hour per week during the past year by one of the intermediate teachers, Miss Harriet McLees. The following subjects were studied: meats, starchy foods, quick breads, salads, sandwiches, fruit, cheese, dishes, desserts, candy.

For the past year Hamer-Kentire has had the only butter club in this district of fifteen counties. Miss Elsiebeth Forney was the able leader of this work. At the end of the year, she felt it only just to organize elsewhere and let Hamer-Kentire use her year's training in continuing what she had begun. She was very anxious indeed that the hot lunch be served as a result of her efforts, so Miss Harriet McLees, the primary teacher, who also has a Domestic Science class once a week and Miss Flora Carmichael, another member of the teaching force undertook the experiment.

Each child brought a cup and spoon, and in this way the question of dishes was solved.

The school is already well furnished with domestic science equipment and has a room for this department. As to material for the hot dish this is meted out to the pupils, some form of soup always being arranged for. Before school, the Domestic Science teacher puts on the soup and at the ten-thirty recess sees to it again. Between times, she has some member of her cooking class to look after it for a few minutes. At noon, it is served. The serving has not so far lengthened the forty-five minutes that the schedule called for.

It is felt that the experiment is succeeding and is proving that this problem is one that can be attempted in that it is a practical benefit to the community.

Hillsboro School District, No. 23.

Hillsboro School District has a one teacher school. The building is splendid, as one of the state officials said, "it is the most attractive plan for a one-teacher school, I have seen." The school is well equipped with single desks, library, supplementary readers, teacher's desk and chair, hylophate boards, Draper shades, and piano. Septic tanks have been installed here.

The School Improvement Association took for its aim, the beautifying of the school grounds. Thirty dollars were raised for this purpose.

Dothan School District No. 9.

Dothan School District has a two-teacher school built according to a Clemson College plan, with classrooms, cloak rooms, and work room. It is well equipped with all necessary equipment. It also has sanitary toilets.

The School Improvement Association during the past year raised something like one hundred dollars to be used for school improvement.

Bermuda School District, No. 17.

Bermuda School District has a two teacher school built by a modern plan, obtained from Clemson College. It is well equipped with single desks, hylophate board, library, supplementary readers, teachers' desks and chairs, piano, Draper shades, maps and globe. It also has a Domestic Science room fitted up with the needed equipment. Septic tanks have been installed on the grounds and wood house constructed.

The Improvement Association took for its aim the purchasing of more equipment. For this purpose, two hundred and ten (\$210.00) dollars was raised and deposited with the County Treasurer.

Next fall the trustees plan to have a teacher's home ready for occupancy. They will build near the school and design the house to correspond with the present school building, bungalow style.

The negroes have not been asleep either in Bermuda School District, but have raised and deposited fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the extension of the school term.

Harlee School.

Five years ago Harlee was a one-teacher school. The building was new and modern but unpainted. The equipment was almost nothing. That year, the children raised ten dollars by selling peas and potatoes. With this fund and the like amount of state and

county aid, a library was established. Since then, great changes have been wrought in this district.

The school has grown so until an additional teacher has been employed. This, of course, called for a larger building, so Clemson College re-arranged the plans of the original building for another class room, cloak room and work room. This has been constructed and painted inside and out. Folding doors separate the two class rooms. When these are opened, a nice auditorium is had.

All necessary equipment has been purchased, even to a piano and Draper shades. Septic tanks have also been installed.

Harlee School Improvement Association has done much by way of improvement. This year the aim of this organization was the improving the school grounds. Oak and pecan trees and shrubbery have been planted. In addition to this the piano has been purchased.

A successful night school was taught in this community in January and February. The school was taught by Miss Mable Watson three nights a week. Ten men were enrolled. Several of whom were taught to read and write.

A Money Making Scheme

Fiddler's Convention.

Plans for an old-time Fiddler's convention, that were used at Oakland.

1. Selected twelve, "fiddlers," as old men as possible, preferably Confederate soldiers.
2. Arranged them in groups to compete for prizes; also had prizes for individual players.
3. In selecting judges for the convention, tried to get elderly men.

The most important feature of the plans, were the advertisements we had were attractive, and catchy posters, distributed everywhere.

Fiddler's Convention at Union School

On Friday night, April the twenty-third, a Fiddler's Convention was held at Union school. This was a very successful entertainment. After the concert, ice cream was sold. Our net proceeds amounted to one hundred and twenty five dollars.

The following program was given at Pleasant Hill in November:

"The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," which used a number of the smaller children and made it interesting for them as well as educational. Then "How the Story Grew" was very interestingly given by the larger girls of the school. This play takes well in any community as it is a local hit on the ladies.

After the plays oysters were served down stairs and a cake was sold by votes to the most popular girl. Candy and sandwiches were sold also.

Our proceeds from this entertainment was \$303.49.

Our athletic funds were running short, and we needed some baseball equipment. We felt that we could not spare the time to get up a play, as commencement was most at hand. So we decided to give, in honor of the base ball team an orchestra. We invited the Dunbar Jazz orchestra on a small commission. In the meantime, the ladies promised us cakes, candy and punch to dispose of at our will, and the team bought a few gallons of cream. The admission was 15 and 35cts. When eight o'clock came, the people began gathering around the entrance, and they said they could get in faster if we would make the admission even money, so we made it one dollar a couple. After the much enjoyed musical program, we opened the sales of cream and punch, after the refreshments we gave a few cake walks, music being furnished by some of the orchestra.

Our little sum amounted to one hundred and thirty seven dollars and six cents with but little expense. Everybody reported a jolly and pleasant time.

A Successful Chicken Bog.

In the fall of 1918 a most successful chicken bog was held at Dalcho school. Several days before the selected date, attractive posters were placed in conspicuous public places and some sent to neighboring communities, so that the event was well advertised and a large number of people attended.

In addition to the regular chicken supper, oyster stew was served. The school girls passed thru the crowd with fresh peanuts and had no difficulty in disposing of their wares. Numbers were fastened to apples which were sold for ten cents each. One number was duplicated in a box of candy and the holder of this number received the candy. This proved especially attractive to the young people. Other boxes of candy and several cakes were sold to the highest bidder and a neat sum realized. Interest was added to the occasion by piano and violin selections which were rendered throughout the evening.

The proceeds, after all expenses were paid, amounted to one hundred dollars.

A Womanless Wedding.

One of the most unusual and amusing social events of the school year was the "Womanless Wedding" given at Dalcho Thursday evening, April 29, 1920, by the ladies of the Improvement Association.

There were about fifty characters in all, and as the name indicates, there was not a woman in the party. The places of ladies and little girls were taken by men and boys costumed as such. The fact that the characters were men widely known and selected from different commun-

ties served as a drawing card and a large audience witnessed the unique ceremony and cutting of the Bride's cake immediately after.

In addition to the entertainment the ladies served a delicious chicken bog and succeeded in both satisfying the appetites of their guests, and their own desires for a handsome stage curtain for the auditorium.

The entire proceeds of the evening amounted to about one hundred, fifty dollars.

NOTICE.

State of South Carolina,
County of Dillon.

Whereas, petitions signed by more than one-third of the qualified electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of twenty-one years of Dothan school district No. 9 of the State and County aforesaid asking that an election be held in said district on the question of voting a six mill levy for the purpose of building and furnishing a teachers' home for Dothan school it being understood that the proposed levy will automatically be discontinued when the purpose for which it has been voted has been subserved; now by authority vested in us under Sec. 1742 Civil Code 1912, said election is hereby ordered held Tuesday May 25th at Dothan schoolhouse.

The trustees shall act as managers of said election and only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections shall be allowed to vote.

Each elector who favors the proposed levy shall cast a vote with the word "yes" written or printed thereon, and each elector opposed to said levy shall cast a vote with the word "no" written or printed thereon.

W. C. MOORE,
H. N. COUSAR,
R. S. ROGERS,
Members of the County Board of Education.
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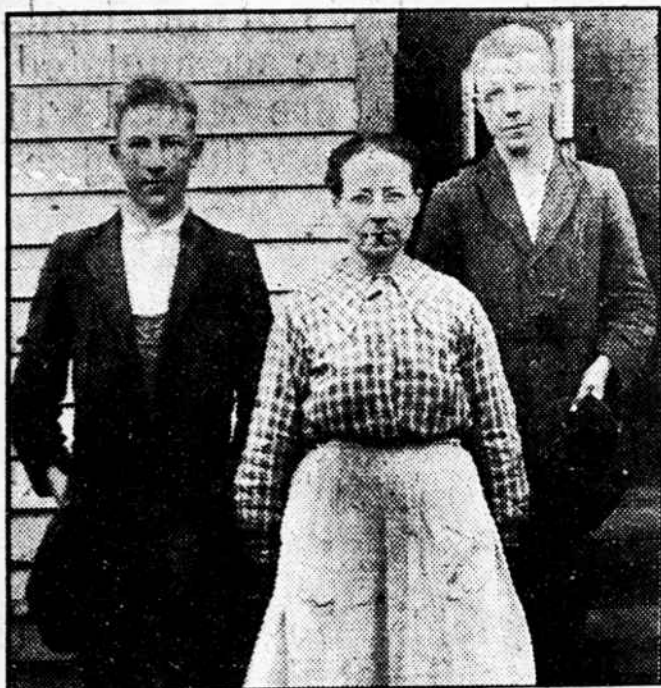
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A MOTHER AND SONS OF THE HAMER MILL ADULT SCHOOL.

certain extent because of the crowded condition of the primary and intermediate grades. The only remedy for this is to convert into a classroom the room now used as a library and to employ the fifth teacher.

Two motor trucks are used to bring the pupils from Kentire district. They have regular routes to follow and a regular schedule is maintained, so that there is no inconvenience to the children coming on these trucks. The Ford truck has not missed a day during the session, but the old model International has been giving some trouble and will be replaced next term by a new Ford.

Along with the regular schedule of work in the school, we have classes in agriculture for the boys, and classes in sewing and domestic science for the girls. A detailed account of the work of the domestic science class may be seen elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Thos. L. Ayers, teacher of agriculture in Dillon High School, conducts the agriculture class here, while Miss Flora Carmichael, one of our primary teachers, supervises the work in sewing and Miss Harriet McLees, intermediate teacher, has the domestic science work.

It is the plan to have a regular class in manual training during the

a good school, but by earnest cooperative effort on the part of teachers, pupils, and patrons alike. Hamer-Kentire could be developed into one of the best schools in the county. It is the purpose of the teachers to instill in the minds of the pupils the thought contained in the following stanza written by Sir Edward Dyer: "My mind to me a kingdom is, Such present joys therein I find That it excels all other bliss That earth affords or grows by kind; Though much I want which most would have, Yet still my mind forbids to crane." Arthur B. Horton, Prin.

Adding Unto Census.

"Civil war stories are always interesting, or anything emanating from them," said one yesterday, "and therefore I submit this I ran across in the Evening Post:

"It was during the civil war and the Northern and Southern outposts were within hailing distance.

"Hello, Johnny," sang out the Northerner, "what regiment is yours?" "The Twelfth Virginia. What yours, Yank?"

"The 175th Rhode Island." "You lie, Yank. Thar ain't 175 men in Rhode Island."